

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, AUGUST 6TH, 2003, 7:00 P.M.**  
**GENERALIZED SUMMARY**  
**VERBATIM DISCUSSION ON TAPE ON FILE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

The Hamilton County Council met in a Special Work Session in the Commissioners Conference Room of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center to discuss the Juvenile Detention Center. Those in attendance were Steve Schwartz, Jim Belden, Meredith Carter, Christine Altman, Judy Levine, Steve Dillinger, John Hiatt, Mike Howard, Robin Mills, Rick McKinney arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Larry Dawson of Envoy presented:

A history of the Juvenile Services Center project.

A site board showing plan for 91,000 square foot building to include:

1. intake and assessment
2. lobby
3. small arraignment court
4. probation and community corrections space
5. program center indoors and outdoors
6. offices and housing for shelter care
7. probation violators and detention space

When presented to commissioners, building was just over 100,000 square feet but the court and prosecution space has been removed. There is a possibility of adding two additional wings to building adding two 24 secured bed spaces.

Operational Costs for years 2003 through 2015 was presented

Year of Service Projections

Capital Costs

Mr. Mike Howard, County Attorney and Mr. Mike Reuter, Financial Consultant discussed:

Debt scenarios and rate impact

Opportunity for special levy provision for operating costs associated with correction facilities and possibility of reducing affect on general fund

Mr. Larry Dawson of Envoy stated if it was the desire of the Council & Commissioners to proceed with this project he would request approximately \$2,500,000 to be used in the design phase of project which would be repaid when bonds were sold.

Commissioner Dillinger stated the committee has worked diligently on this project for over four years and asked when the committee can expect a decision from the Council. Councilor Carter stated a meeting of the finance committee will be called and a decision made by the September 3rd council meeting. Work session concluded at 6:59:38.

President Carter called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:19:29 p.m. Chief Deputy Coverdale called role: Steve Schwartz, Rick McKinney, Jim Belden, Meredith Carter John Hiatt and Judy Levine. Councilor Wallace was absent. A quorum was declared.

Everyone stood for moment of silence led by Councilor Carter and remained standing for the pledge of allegiance.

[7:20:44] Councilor Belden moved to approve minutes of July 2, 2003. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**Public Comments:** None

## **COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS**

### **President**

### **Vice President**

### **Highway**

Councilor McKinney reported committee met and the Highway will be requesting an additional appropriation of approximately \$270,000 for contract resurface.

### **Finance**

Councilor Carter reported committee met and discussed upcoming budget hearings and divided budgets among the committee to review

### **Personnel**

### **Miscellaneous**

### **Commissioner Report**

### **Unfinished/Tabled Business**

### **New Business**

[7:24:08] Financial Consultant, Mr. Mike Reuter discussed Mr. Curt Coonrods request to the Department of Local Government Finance requesting a change of COIT distribution based on current year levy rather than prior year levy as it has been done since inception. The change Mr. Coonrod has proposed would have a significant impact to the county amounting to \$1.7 million. Mr. Reuter requested the Council forward a letter to the Department of Local Government Finance informing them of the Councils stand on the matter. Councilor Hiatt moved to direct Auditor Mills to prepare a letter from Council President Meredith Carter to the Department of Local Government Finance stating the Hamilton County Council disagrees with any change of how COIT is distributed. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:38:54] Rich Hubbard and Lance Busby with River Clean up addressed the Council regarding the 2003 White River Clean Up Agenda and requested assistance from the council with expenses involved in this project. Councilor Levine made a motion resolving to appropriate \$10,000 to River Clean Up, Inc. at their September 3, 2003 meeting. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (5-0-1) with Councilor Schwartz abstaining.

[7:46:55] Mr. Larry Jacobi, President Hamilton County Aviation Commission

Thanked the Council for their efforts in the purchase of Terry Airport. The closing took place on July 15, 2003.

Mr. Jacobi extended invitation to the Council to attend an open house which will take place on October 11, 2003.

Expect to receive first \$300,000 check from Federal Government within next 60 to 90 days which is earmarked to pay on outstanding loan.

Discussed reasoning behind renaming Terry Airport and requested input of Council

#### **Additional, Transfers and Amend Form 144**

[7:58:53] Councilor Belden moved to approve Assessor transfer of \$27,774.42 from 001.000.1001 Cama/Field Appraiser to 001.000.1300 Part Time \$3,800 and 001.000.3713 Contractual \$23,974.42. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[7:59:32] Councilor Hiatt moved to reduce \$14,825,984 from Council line item 015.000.4056. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[8:00:14] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Extension transfer of \$5000 from 025.000.1004 Bookkeeper to 025.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[8:00:37] Councilor Levine moved to approve Fall Creek Township Assessor additional appropriation request of \$14,604 in 065.000.3713 Contractual. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[8:03:41] Councilor McKinney made a motion resolving to approve additional of \$188,058 in Storm Water Phase II Fund 384 at their meeting September 3, 2003. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[8:03:40] Councilor Belden moved to approve E911 Fund 144 amendment in 119.000.000.1002 Address Coordinator at \$40,000. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[8:10:57] Councilor Hiatt moved to approve E911 Fund additional request of \$18,420 in 119.000.000.4009 Emergency Communications Equipment (Jackson Township). Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

[8:12:03] Councilor Belden moved to approve Sales Disclosure Fund additional appropriation of \$20,000 in 365.000.000.3713 Contractual. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (5-1) with Councilor McKinney against.

#### **ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

#### **AUDITOR'S COMMENTS**

Presented budget notes to Council for updates to books they received  
Budget meetings will be September 3 (Public Hearing) and September 17 (Final Adoption)

[8:23:36] Councilor Belden moved to adjourn meeting. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

**Those present:**

Russ Beuche, Amercian Consulting, Inc.

Capt. Jeff Marcum, HCSD

Judge Steve Nation

Dan Stevens, HCSD

Margaret Gilbert, Hamilton Centers Youth Service Bureau

Kelly Kochell, Hamilton Centers Youth Service Bureau

Jason Jeffries, Envoy, Inc.

Dan Mayer, Envoy, Inc.

Beth Stickles, Envoy, Inc.

Joseph Mrak, RQAW Corp

Bryce Breeden, Cripe, Inc.

Scott Warner, Buildings & Grounds

Bob Bragg, Probation Dept

Madonna Roach, Probation

Larry Dawson, Envoy, Inc.

Cindy Ramsey, Humane Society

Rich Hubbard, River Clean Up

Lance Busby, River Clean Up

Larry Jacobi, Aviation Commission

Larry Stout, GIS Manager

Val Swift, Surveyor's Office

Debbie Folkerts, Assessor

George Piper, Dailey Times

Pam Zagar, Fall Creek Twp. Assessor